

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 13 as follows:

Sub C7 1. (Amended) A method for managing database schemas and/or application configuration data in at least one database system comprising at least one application master database and at least one application replica database, wherein at least one of said databases comprises a schema of the data stored in the database, characterized in that
- at least one schema and/or application configuration is managed externally of said at least one application master database or at least one application replica database.

B4 2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one configuration management master is provided in at least one configuration management node, which is separate from each of said database nodes, a replica of at least parts of said configuration management master is stored to a server comprising the at least one database, and the schema of said at least one database is created and/or updated on the basis of scripts of said configuration management replica.

3. (Amended) A method of according to claim 2, characterized in that the configuration of at least some databases of said database system are managed by said configuration management node.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the application configuration of at least some applications of said database system are managed by said configuration management node.